

MINUTES OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 23, 1979

The meeting of County Council was opened by Chairman Phinney with the invocation by Mr. Crain. All Council Members were present.

Motion by Mr. Crain seconded by Mr. Frady and carried to accept minutes of the January 9th meeting as furnished.

Motion by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Frady and unanimously carried to adopt on Second Reading Ordinance 79-3 "Oconee County Affirmative Action Plan and Program".

Dr. Earle reported that in the working session held by Council some amendments and changes were made to Ordinance 79-1, primarily changes to conform with the Home Rule Act. Each Council Member has a copy of the amended Ordinance. Dr. Earle then moved to adopt this Ordinance as amended, and distributed, on Second Reading. The vote 5 Yes and 0 No.

Mr. Howard Adams of the Sewer Commission gave the following update on the progress of the Sewer Project:

- * Pipe lines are 75 to 80% complete
- * Plant site 55% complete
- * Right of ways 98% complete
- * Pump stations 50% complete
- * Some change orders are expected - funds are available for this
- * A. Y. Young Co. has UCICR charge book complete - it is being discussed
- * The West Union line has received EPA approval
- * Mr. Steve Geddes has been hired as Project Superintendent
- * Ordinances are being prepared for County Council and towns regarding usage of sewer system
- * Sewer Project has been selected by EPA in Washington as one of 17 projects in the nation to be viewed by officials
- * Power supplier for the treatment plant is being worked out by attorneys

The engineering agreement between the County and Piedmont Engineers for rehabilitation of the sewer system to reduce inflow and infiltration to comply with current standards of EPA was approved by Council at a cost of \$9,300 (75% to be paid by EPA and 25% paid by the towns). Mr. Adams stated that all three towns had approved this agreement. Motion for approval of this agreement by Mr. Ables seconded by Mr. Frady and carried.

A briefing on the activities/operations of the Coroners Office was given by Coroner Ted Durham in which he stated his case load has increased in the past year some 15%. He is currently spending approximately 35 hours per week with the Coroners duties.

Mr. Frady told Council only one bid was received for storm windows for the public service building and the annex. The bidder was Wickes Co. of Seneca at a cost of \$1,280.64. He moved to accept this bid (funds to come from the contingency account). Mr. Ables seconded and motion was carried.

In executive session on January 9th Mr. Ables stated the legal matter pertaining to Garrison aviation was discussed but no action was taken awaiting a ruling from Judge Cox who has this under advisement. If he rules in favor, the balance of the amount due Garrison will be paid in three years rather than five. (\$48,000 would be paid January 10, 1980)

Dr. Earle told Council Members the Personnel Committee has ratified the merit raises for personnel and department heads. With the CETA employees being reduced, department heads have been notified of the Committee's decision of which employees will be retained.

Mrs. Jennings announced that the County Attorney is preparing an Ordinance to bring the civil defense ambulances in compliance with the State Law.

Mr. Frady announced that two bids were received for the completion of the South Cove Park Director's residence. James Brown Builders \$25,115 and J. Harold Thomas Builders \$27,150. Mr. Frady moved to accept the low bid and to provide Mr. Brown with Mr. LeCroy's assistance in setting up guidelines for completion of the building at no additional cost to the county. Mr. Ables seconded the motion which was carried.

Mr. Crain's update on the new rock crusher installation revealed the work was progressing on schedule. Installation of a fence around this facility was discussed.

Dr. Earle recommended the appointment of Messers Cecil Cox and Jerry Arrington as the at large members and Dr. Ronald Rolett as the Health Department's representative to the CCS Commission. Mr. Ables seconded the motion which was carried. Dr. Earle also announced that department heads would no longer be required to attend Council meetings, however they are encouraged to attend. No travel will be paid nor comp time given for attendance. Department heads will be furnished a copy of the agenda and a copy of the minutes of each meeting.

Mr. Ables moved to accept the bid from Palmetto Equipment Co. for a Key Control System gas pump at the Smith Garage at a cost of \$6,600 (from the contingency account) Mr. Crain seconded the motion which was carried.

It was announced by Chairman Phinney that a meeting of the CCS Commission will be held next week to discuss several items one of which is filling the vacancy of Superintendent.

Meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.